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MEMORANDUM

March 23, 2023

To: Members, Subcommittee on Health Care and Financial Services, Committee on Oversight and Accountability

From: Committee Staff

Re: Hearing on “FDA Oversight Part I: The Infant Formula Shortage”

On Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. EDT, in room 2247 of the Rayburn House Office Building, the Oversight and Accountability Subcommittee on Health Care and Financial Services will host a hearing on “FDA Oversight Part I: The Infant Formula Shortage.”

I. BACKGROUND:

On February 17, 2022, an investigation by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) found deadly *Cronobacter sakazakii* bacteria at Abbott Nutrition’s powdered infant formula production facility in Sturgis, Michigan. Abbott, the manufacturer of more than 40 percent of the country’s supply of infant formula, voluntarily recalled all formula produced in the Sturgis, Michigan plant after reports that two infants died from *cronobacter* infections. This quickly resulted in a nationwide shortage of powdered infant formula.

II. HEARING PURPOSE:

The hearing will examine the FDA’s response to the *cronobacter* outbreak at Abbott Nutrition’s powdered infant formula production facility and the subsequent nationwide shortage of infant formula.

III. WITNESSES:

Mr. Frank Yiannas, MPH – Former Deputy Commissioner of Food Policy and Response, U.S. Food and Drug Administration (2018-2023)

Additional witnesses to be announced.